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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	Examiner Frederick J. Parker	Art Unit 1762

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 August 2005.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1,3-9,11-18,20-22-40 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1,3-9,11-18,20-22-40 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Specification

The amendments in response to the Objections to the Specification of the Previous Office Action are acknowledged and appreciated, and the Examiner withdraws the objections.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The amendments in response to the 35 USC 112 rejections of the Previous Office Action are acknowledged and appreciated, and the Examiner withdraws the rejections. New rejections are necessitated by amendment.

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 20,35-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

- Claim 20 is vague and indefinite because it requires controlling one of three steps, and then subsequently requires controlling the extent of the slot opening (which is 1 of 3 steps in the Markush Group) with additional limitations; however as written it appears controlling the extent of the slot opening is mandatory by virtue of the subsequent limitations.
- Claims 35-38 are vague and indefinite because the meaning of “low” and “high” fail to convey the intended movement of the gates because claim 35 defines low speed as a minimum value and the high speed as a maximum value, so that the low and high speeds co-extend, such that the low speed could exceed the high speed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
4. Claims 1-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bowen in view of White, which are cited for the same reasons in the previous Office Action, and as below.

Applicants argue on page 12 Response that Bowen “only mentions speed of the gate as it relates to the speed of the substrate”. Applicant’s independent claims 1,20,31 contain the very same relationship, so this argument is not persuasive.

Additions of the limitation of independently controlling speed of gate movement and extent of gate slot opening is not convincing because “extent” could simply be the slot being in an open or closed position to allow deposition or lack thereof from the hopper. The Examiner respectively and in the spirit of expediting prosecution urges Applicant to replace “extent” with wording such as can be found in Specification page 9, 30- page 10, 2 and page 11, 32. The Examiner invites an interview to discuss potential wording changes.

Applicants argue the prior art does not provide independent control of both the speed of gate movement and independent control of the opening. The Examiner points out neither does Applicants claim 31. Further, speed and opening/ closing of the gate are necessarily independent functions, that is the gate position can be moved regardless of speed.

While the Examiner maintains the rejections because the amendments and arguments are not persuasive towards patentability, he also suggests potential wording to overcome the prior art for claims 1,5,7, and 31. Claim 31 remains rejected over the prior art without further comment. Rejections under the 35 USC 112/ 2nd heading are described above.

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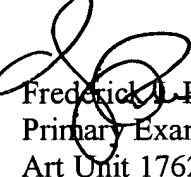
5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Frederick J. Parker whose telephone number is 571/ 272-1426. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur. 6:15am -3:45pm, and alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Timothy Meeks can be reached on 571/272-1423. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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